

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not raise any new issues or introduce new subject matter, and therefore it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 9 is allowable and that claims 1-3 and 5-8 include allowable subject matter.

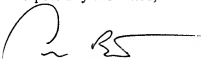
The Abstract has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objections thereto.

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for lack of antecedent basis. Claim 1, line 15 has been amended to recite "n data packets" and to recite "a kth output". It is respectfully submitted that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been overcome.

In view of the foregoing amendments, favorable reconsideration by the Examiner and formal notification of the allowance of all claims are earnestly solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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